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In re Application of Atty. Docket
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Title: MELODIC ALERTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 6 and 10 as follows:

4. (Amended). A communications device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that the control means divides the received message into a plurality of predesignated fields, one of which fields is used by the control means to determine tempo and other of said fields are used by the control means to determine notes.

6. (Amended) A communications device as claimed in claim 4, characterised in that each note is represented by a double character field and in that the control means in response to ascertaining that there is an odd number of characters in the message adds a character to a predetermined single character to provide a double character field representative of a note.

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, characterised in that a note is represented by a double character field and in that in response to ascertaining that there is an odd number of characters, a predetermined character is added to a predetermined

5 single character to provide a double character representative of a
6 note.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claims 4, 6, and 10 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version with Markings
to Show Changes Made to the Claim

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 4, 6,

and 10:

1 4. (Amended). A communications device as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or~~
2 ~~3~~ characterised in that the control means divides the received
3 message into a plurality of predesignated fields, one of which
4 fields is used by the control means to determine tempo and other of
5 said fields are used by the control means to determine notes.

1 6. (Amended) A communications device as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~,
2 characterised in that each note is represented by a double character
3 field and in that the control means in response to ascertaining that
4 there is an odd number of characters in the message adds a character
5 to a predetermined single character to provide a double character
6 field representative of a note.

1 10. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterised
2 in that a note is represented by a double character field and in
3 that in response to ascertaining that there is an odd number of
4 characters, a predetermined character is added to a predetermined
5 single character to provide a double character representative of a
6 note.